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SENATE BILL NO. 549

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCOTT.

Read 1st time February 21, 2007, and ordered printed.

Read 2nd time February 22, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Reported from the Committee March 1, 2007, with recommendation that the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Taken up March 26, 2007. Read 3rd time and placed upon its final passage; bill passed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 227.299, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to memorial highway designations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 227.299, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 227.299, to read as follows:

227.299. 1. Except as provided in subsection 7 of this section, an
2 organization or person that seeks a bridge or highway designation on the state
3 highway system to honor an event, place, organization, or person who has been
4 deceased for more than two years shall petition the department of transportation
5 by submitting the following:

6 (1) An application in a form prescribed by the director, describing the
7 bridge or segment of highway for which designation is sought and the proposed
8 name of the bridge or relevant portion of highway. The application shall include
9 the name of at least one current member of the general assembly who will
10 sponsor the bridge or highway designation. The application may contain written
11 testimony for support of the bridge or highway designation;

12 (2) A list of at least one hundred signatures of individuals who support
13 the naming of the bridge or highway; and

14 (3) A fee to be determined by the commission to cover the costs of
15 constructing and maintaining the proposed signs. The fee shall not exceed the
16 cost of constructing and maintaining each sign.

17 2. All moneys received by the department of transportation for the
18 construction and maintenance of bridge or highway signs on the state highway
19 system shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state road
20 fund.

21 3. The documents and fees required under this section shall be submitted
22 to the department of transportation no later than November first prior to the next
23 regular session of the general assembly to be approved or denied by the joint
24 committee on transportation oversight during such legislative session.

25 4. The department of transportation shall give notice of any proposed
26 bridge or highway designation on the state highway system in a manner
27 reasonably calculated to advise the public of such proposal. Reasonable notice
28 shall include posting the proposal for the designation on the department's official
29 public web site, and making available copies of the sign designation application
30 to any representative of the news media or public upon request and posting the
31 application on a bulletin board or other prominent public place which is easily
32 accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal
33 office.

34 5. If the memorial highway designation requested by the organization is
35 not approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight, ninety-seven
36 percent of the application fee shall be refunded to the requesting organization.

37 6. Two highway signs shall be erected for each bridge and highway
38 designation on the state highway system processed under this section. When a
39 named section of a highway crosses two or more county lines, consideration shall
40 be given by the department of transportation to allow additional signage at the
41 county lines or major intersections.

42 7. Highway or bridge designations on the state highway system honoring
43 fallen law enforcement officers, members of the armed forces killed in the line of
44 duty, **emergency personnel killed while performing duties relating to**
45 **their employment**, or state employees killed while serving the state shall not
46 be subject to the provisions of this section.

47 8. No bridge or portion of a highway on the state highway system may be
48 named or designated after more than one event, place, organization, or
49 person. Each event, place, organization, or person shall only be eligible for one
50 bridge or highway designation.

51 9. Any highway signs erected for any bridge or highway designation on
52 the state highway system under the provisions of this section shall be erected and

53 maintained for a twenty-year period. After such period, the signs shall be subject
54 to removal by the department of transportation and the bridge or highway may
55 be designated to honor events, places, organizations, or persons other than the
56 current designee. An existing highway or bridge designation processed under the
57 provisions of this section may be retained for additional twenty-year increments
58 if, at least one year before the designation's expiration, an application to the
59 department of transportation is made to retain the designation along with the
60 required documents and all applicable fees required under this section.

61 10. The provisions of this section shall apply to bridge or highway
62 designations sought after August 28, 2006.

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